

KUPAT HOLIM STRIKE

Histadrut: Will apply for injunction against doctors

By MACABEE DEAN
TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Central Committee decided here yesterday that it will apply to the Labour Court for an injunction against the Kupat Holim doctors, unless they resume normal work by the end of this week.

and the members of the Central Committee. According to Committee member Stefan Grajek, no contacts are expected today either.

The all-out strike of the 3,000 Kupat Holim doctors enters its second — and final — day today. Tomorrow morning they will return to the clinics but will work continuously, without a lunch-time break — which means they will not be available to the public after the early afternoon.

All Kupat Holim clinics will be open today with only nurses on duty. Kupat Holim advises all patients not to require urgent treatment to postpone visiting the clinics until the doctors return to work.

There was no contact yesterday between the doctors — who are protesting the election of Mr. Asher Yadin, a medical officer, Director-General of Kupat Holim —

Kupat Holim yesterday made efforts to mobilize private doctors, mainly from other sick funds, to handle the overflow of patients. It also called on Magen David Adom to increase the number of doctors on night duty to answer all emergency calls.

The Central Committee took its decision yesterday after Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon termed the doctors' action "one of the gravest crises in the history of the Histadrut." He said it was unprecedented for a group of workers in a Histadrut institution to ignore their own constitution and try to seize control of a public enterprise.

The emergency ward at Jerusalem's Shaarei Zedek Hospital treated a few hundred more patients than usual yesterday, because of the strike. Most came because of colds and headaches, a hospital spokesman said.

Arab fishermen fired following Jewish protest

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Pressure from Jewish fishermen led to the dismissal last night of six Arab fishermen, hired a week ago to man two trawlers that berth in Ashdod. The Fishermen's Union had claimed the Arab men — all from El Arish — represented a security risk to all the Jewish trawlers which fish off Sinai.

The other fishermen were promised to fire the Arab men, the fishermen agreed to work extra shifts to help man their short-handed trawlers until new fishermen can be hired (several are expected shortly from Ethiopia).

The owners of two boats, Kadesh and Hasmayim, had each signed on three El Arish fishermen, claiming they were losing money for each day their five-man boats could not be sent out.

They received official permits from the local Military Government official to engage the El Arish men. But the other fishermen had threatened a strike if the El Arish men stayed on.

In return for the two owners' promise to fire the Arab men, the fishermen agreed to work extra shifts to help man their short-handed trawlers until new fishermen can be hired (several are expected shortly from Ethiopia).

All the fishing boats that berth in Ashdod will put out to sea today (there are about a dozen).

Foca Hirsch gets off with IL1,000 fine

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv businessman Foca Hirsch was yesterday fined IL1,000 by District Court Judge Hadasah Ben-Tio for refusing to answer police interrogators' questions on foreign currency violations.

Koppel Tours charged with tax evasion

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The income tax authorities on Thursday seized the books of Koppel Tours on suspicion of failing to declare correct profits.

Hirsch, 64, was arrested last August in connection with the alleged transfer of \$105,000 which he had received from an American firm he represents in Israel. Claiming the police were really interested in his income tax affairs, he refused to answer any questions on the grounds he might incriminate himself (the law requires a person to answer questions regarding foreign currency transactions even at the risk of incriminating himself).

Samuel Plovisky, managing director of the company and its head bookkeeper, the 34-year-old public accountant, who is Mr. Rosenberg's son-in-law, yesterday told The Jerusalem Post that the authorities seized the books for the three tax years 1968, 1969 and 1970.

In her verdict, Judge Ben-Tio pointed out that there were two paragraphs in the Emergency Regulations which applied to this case. One of them provided for a maximum penalty of seven years' imprisonment and a IL10,000 fine; the other for a IL1,000 fine only.

"During these three years we declared profits of IL400,000, and the authorities thought this was not enough. They informed us about four months ago that we would be investigated," he said.

Ashdod Port strike continues

ASHDOD PORT. — The Marine Department here continued its partial strike yesterday by not supplying services to ships outside the breakwater, but it is guiding ships into and out of the port (which it refused to do over the weekend).

A dispute broke out last week over an internal tender for the position of section head, which was won by a worker not approved by the works committee. Talks between the workers, the Histadrut and the port management, which lasted all day yesterday, broke off at night.

CHIEF RABBIS ELECTED

each ballot slip as it was passed along the dais to Mr. Surkiss who read out the name on it. (Only the slips for the Chief Rabbis were read out in this way; the votes for the Council were counted by the "supervisors" and the "observers" later.)

books — he still had several manuscripts awaiting final editing before publication — and to lecturing at the several yeshivot with which he was associated.

All 150 eligible voters were accounted for — which Mr. Surkiss said was a real example in public spiritedness. Five voting slips were found to be blank.

Rabbi Nissim told newsmen that he respected the result and had no complaints. He spoke of "the circumstances being what they were," which his supporters interpreted as an admission of his feeling that he had been "betrayed" by the parties who had promised him their support.

It was obvious from early in the count that Rabbi Goren would take the Ashkenazi crown comfortably, and the tension and excitement centred around the Sephardi title. As Rabbi Yosef passed the 75-vote victory figure a rousing cheer went up from his followers in the hall — despite Mr. Surkiss's angry protestations.

Dr. Wachtfogt, immediately the results were known, telephoned the two losers to thank them for their service as Chief Rabbis over the past eight (Unterman) and 17 (Nissim) years. Sources close to the Minister said he intends to move an amendment to the Law to provide that both Rabbis Unterman and Nissim become Honorary Presidents of the Chief Rabbinate Council — the title which the law as it presently stands offers only to Chief Rabbis who do not stand for reelection. Rabbi Nissim is likely to resign the title.

Polsters analysing the results concluded that Rabbi Goren received solid support from the "lay" members of the Electoral College — the mayors, heads of local councils and heads of religious councils, and sizable support from the rabbis. Rabbi Goren claimed later that he had won a majority vote from the rabbis, but Rabbi Unterman maintained he had. (The point is important, to the extent that every victorious candidate feels it a point of honour to have secured a robust majority, as well as an overall majority.)

"The title would enable the two rabbis to retain their official cars and secretaries, and enable Rabbi Unterman to remain in his official residence. (Rabbi Nissim's apartment is his own.)

The voting booths themselves were set up at the side of the hall on the dais where the microphones were placed. This proved another mistake, and added to the general atmosphere of gentle pandemonium which prevailed throughout the three-hour session. Mr. Surkiss, sweating profusely and aided by the indefatigable Dr. Michael Chesnia of the Justice Ministry, attempted to keep the voting flowing at a smooth pace, but bottlenecks soon formed outside the booths, and eventually the voters began filling out their forms at window ledges adjacent to the booths.

Others, however, say it is unreasonable to suppose they could possibly be held back. Pessach, or even in less than a year.

There were two booths — one in which the voters chose the two Chief Rabbis, and the other in which they chose the 10 members of the Chief Rabbinate Council.

It is expected that, until such elections are held, both Rabbi Goren and Rabbi Yosef will continue to act as the city's Chief Rabbis, in addition to their duties as the country's Chief Rabbis. A precedent was set when outgoing Chief Rabbi Isser (Yehuda) Unterman served in both capacities from 1961 to 1964.

Despite the pandemonium, however, all the 150 eligible voters made their choices, and there were no claims from anyone that the voting was not perfectly correct and flawless in every detail.

The most likely successor to Rabbi Goren as the city's Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi is Yehudya Frankel. Rabbi Frankel may, however, face two challengers: Rabbi Hillel Medalla, now Antwerp's Chief Rabbi, and Kiryat Motzkin's Rabbi Mordechai Fogelman.

Rabbi Goren was the first to cast his vote, with Rabbi Unterman following and then Rabbi Yosef. (Rabbi Nissim was not a member of the Electoral College.) All four candidates then left the hall to separate the dais into four ballot boxes (one for each Chief Rabbi, one for the Ashkenazi Council members and one for the Sephardi Council members) were transferred to the dais for the count. At the insistence of the Unterman bloc four "observers" were added to the four members of the Supervisory Committee, and thus eight pairs of eyes scrutinized

Now, he would return to his

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THE WEATHER
Forecast: Partly cloudy.
Weather: Gradual West ridge from
Turkey to the eastern Mediterranean.

Social and Personal

President Shazar yesterday received State Comptroller Yitzhak Nebenzahl and Mr. Gershon Avner, director of the Ombudsman's Office. Mr. Avner presented Mr. Shazar with the Office's first annual report.

Deputy Communications Minister Shlomo Jaber Muzil played host yesterday to a party of 100 Swiss postal workers at his home in Yotvata, Galilee. The postal workers are visiting Israel under the auspices of the Postal Workers International Organization for Culture and Tourism.

Professor Emilio Segre and Edward Teller, who are to receive honorary doctorates from Tel Aviv University tomorrow evening, Oct. 17, will arrive in Israel today. Also due today are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rosson, contributors to the University's United Kingdom Building for the Life Sciences. (Communicated.)

A Viennese culinary festival is being held at the Dan Carmel Hotel, 4-8 p.m. daily. "Jaume" 7 p.m. to midnight. Viennese food served in a delightful Viennese atmosphere. (Communicated.)

OBITUARY
Hilda Strauss, on October 4, in her 86th year. Mourning by her brothers and sister, Ella Braude and family.

Jacob Korn of Malben, Netanya, on October 3, 1972. Deeply mourned.

IN MEMORIAM
A memorial meeting for the late Alexander Alexandroni will be held tomorrow, at 7 p.m., in Bek Sokolov, Tel Aviv.

A memorial ceremony for the 18 members of the Israel Defence Forces who fell in the raid on Kalkilya 18 years ago was held yesterday afternoon at Kfar Saba, with the participation of the bereaved families and veterans of the paratrooper and armoured units who took part in the action.

BAR-MITZVA
The bar-mitzva of Gershon Yerushalmi, son of Rachel and Nissim Yerushalmi, was held in Jerusalem on Saturday, October 14, 1972. Parushat Noach.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS
Mr. Patrick Jenkin would like to thank Mr. Elliot Robbins and Mr. Cyril Roberts of the Pop Inn, Ramat Aviv, and the local physician, for the great lengths to which they went to help a visitor to this country, during his recent illness. Without their prompt help, he would surely have been seriously ill. A "thank you" celebration will be held at the Pop Inn, Ramat Aviv, on Thursday, Oct. 19th 1972. All friends and associates will be welcome. (Communicated.)

ARRIVALS
Mr. Menachem Begin, Gahal M.K., from a 10-day tour of the U.S. and Canada on behalf of Israel Bonds (by El Al).

DEPARTURES
Uriei Abramowicz, head of the Histadrut Trade Union Department, at the head of a six-man delegation of Labour Council secretaries for a three-week study tour in Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Belgium (by El Al).

Land sale approved for Jerusalem hotel
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Ministerial Economic Committee yesterday authorized the sale of 10.5 dunams of land in Sderot Herzl, Jerusalem, near the entrance to the Capital.

The plot was sold to the Sderot Herzl Hotel Company Ltd., and is one of five tracts set aside for the building of hotels on the street. Two others have already been sold.

THE TECHNOION SENATE yesterday approved, with a large majority, the choice of Aluf Amos Horov as the next president of the Technion.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEL AVIV
The Faculty of Arts Department of Philosophy
We share in the grief of
Prof. BEN-AMI SCHARFSTEIN
on the death of his
FATHER

A memorial service for my dear unforgettable husband
GEGEL NOVIK MINSKY
Santiago, Chile
will be held today, Monday, October 16 at 3.30 p.m., at the Kibbutz Bahan cemetery.
Participants will meet at 3 p.m. at the Grand Yehalom Hotel, 15 Rehov Gad-Machnes, Netanya

Bocha Goldenberg De Novik
Be. Aires-Santiago.



Rabbi Ovadia Yosef's supporters sing and dance around him at the Western Wall yesterday afternoon, after his election as the new Sephardi Chief Rabbi. (Westphoto)



Yosef earlier feared 'sabotage'

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Rabbi Ovadia Yosef told The Post yesterday he had decided three times in the last eight months to stand for Chief Rabbi — but that officials of "the Government parties" had warned him that, if he announced his candidacy, "one of the Chief Rabbis would promptly sabotage the elections." (The reference was to Rabbi Nissim who, it was thought, would not have taken the risk of running against the popular Rabbi Yosef if he could have avoided it.)

"For this reason," Rabbi Yosef said, "I waited until all the preparations were completed, until the Supreme Court ruled that the Chief Rabbinate had no more say in the elections, and then I announced my candidacy."

Rabbi Yosef was speaking at the Western Wall, where he repaired as soon as his victory was announced. His first task, he said, would be "to restore the Rabbinate — which has sunk to an all-time low — to its former glory." He had worked with Rabbi Goren in harmony in the Tel Aviv Chief Rabbinate, and hoped the harmony would continue in their new careers.

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Housewives warned on poisoned fish

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Housewives are warned against eating the popular St. Peter's Fish (omasa) because fishermen are suspected of killing them with poison. Health Ministry officials said yesterday.

The Ministry spokesman said a small quantity of St. Peter's Fish caught in the Jordan River had become suspect. Although nothing was proved yet, the Ministry was issuing a warning to refrain from eating the fish if it had been caught in the river.

Betsan Police yesterday began investigating the complaint that some local fishermen were using a poisonous chemical to increase their catch of the fish from the Jordan River in the section between Gesher and Ma'oz Haim.

So far eight fishermen have been questioned, and more will be called in. None was charged. The police spokesman said yesterday that the investigators were waiting for a toxicologist's report from the Health Ministry, which will establish whether the fishermen did indeed use a poisonous material.

For some time, several fishermen have been under suspicion of using paratox, a poisonous insecticide, to catch fish, by pouring it into recessed breeding places of the fish to chase them out into the open. The organized fishermen's Knesset fish, complained to the police some time ago; but only last Thursday were some of the suspects caught and their catch destroyed.

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State Attorney Gabriel Bach argued before Justice Cohen that Kahane was likely to continue his J.D.C. activities abroad and that, as a result, he might become entangled with the law and prevented from returning to Israel in time for his trial. The rabbi's attorney countered that the total of IL180,000 in guarantee deposited on behalf of his client would assure his return, and that "he would be back three days before his trial."

The State Attorney is now studying the Kahane file with a view to deciding whether or not to prosecute the rabbi and his associates for attempted arms smuggling. Mr. Bach requested the file from the Tel Aviv Police on Friday. His decision is expected before the end of the week.

Siah members on trial for incitement

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EBAN TELLS CABINET: No signs of European Mid-East initiative

Jerusalem Post Reporter

No signs of a European initiative in the Middle East dispute are apparent so far, Foreign Minister Yehonatan Eban told the Cabinet yesterday at its weekly session.

The Quai d'Orsay, which had given every impression over the summer that it planned to spearhead a concerted voice on proposals for peace talks between Israel and Arab states, has decided to "bear."

The Foreign Minister, who returned on Saturday night from the N. and Europe, drew this inference from his talks in New York in a large number of foreign ministers attending the General Assembly of the expanded European Community, as well as of other European states.

In his meetings with his counterparts, Mr. Eban brought up the problem of Arab terror. He also sought to convince his counterparts the need to convince Egypt that it could not take the place of Soviet Union in its support of the Arab states.

Mr. Eban underlined Israel's request for consideration from the common market, with regard to agricultural (tariffs) exports in particular. Until the Market finally decided on a free trade area, he said, interim arrangements should be made, ensuring that Israel's trade is not impaired.

Mr. Eban understood from his counterparts that most Common

Market countries were sympathetic with Israel's requests, but could not yet commit themselves to practical measures protecting Israeli trade.

The test as to whether sympathy will be translated into a formal arrangement on Israeli exports will come at a meeting of Market Foreign Ministers in November.

Mr. Eban also reported to the Cabinet — in his 60-minute survey — on his conversations in New York with U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers, Assistant Secretary Joseph Sisco, and the American U.N. Ambassador, George Bush. He learnt from these conversations that the U.S. Government was firmly behind its earlier pronouncements that the problem of Arab terror stood high on Washington's list of priorities.

Mr. Eban gave the Cabinet details of Israeli and Jewish measures in the campaign against the Soviet ransom tax on college-trained emigrants.

Cabinet meets on demands of bus co-ops

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet yesterday held a preliminary discussion on the demands of the two bus cooperatives — Egged and Dan — to raise their fares and to receive larger subsidies from the Treasury to cover higher costs.

The Cabinet took no decision on the two demands, in order to enable further study, official sources said after the weekly session.

The Ministers of Transport and of Finance presented the Cabinet with two divergent proposals — which have yet to be bridged by compromise.

Transport Minister Shimon Peres and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir both agreed that costs had risen some 15 per cent for both co-ops. They disagreed, however, on ways to compensate for the 15 per cent rise, as well as on how to compensate Egged and Dan for the fact that their standing deficits had increased still further.

The Treasury view was that fares should go up 10 per cent, the ordinary subsidies should go up four per cent, and the co-ops should "absorb" the remainder of the higher costs. The Treasury did not address itself, as such, to the greater losses claimed by the bus co-ops over the past year.

The Transport Ministry view was that fares should go up by the full 15 per cent, while the ordinary cash subsidy would be increased by several million pounds.

Egged and Dan are reportedly asking for rises of between 25 and 35 per cent, and for an increase of IL20m. in the ordinary subsidies.

Ex-Red Army colonels ask aid in leaving Russia

TEL AVIV. — Two retired Jewish Army colonels have written to various organizations in Israel, American and Western Europe for help in their 11-year effort for the right to emigrate to Israel.

The two are Colonel Leif Petrovich Ovsitcher and Lt-Colonel Natan Borkechick Babansky. They left their homes in 1961 in order to join their families in Israel, but after more than 25 years of service, they applied for permission to return to Israel. The authorities responded by reducing them to the rank of privates and stopping their pensions — the only thing their families have to live on. Both men had medals for bravery during World War II.

Meanwhile, the annual conference of the American Neuroscience Association, meeting last week in Houston, Texas, decided to cable the Soviet Academy of Sciences and protest the ransom tax on Soviet Jewish intellectuals, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

Three Nobel Prize-winners at the conference — Julius Axelrod, Martin D. Nurnberg and Sir John Eccles — drafted the resolution, which was sent to Academy President M. D. P. in Moscow. (The Academy's next session is due to visit the U.S. next year.)

The cable resolution called the ransom tax "exorbitant," "discriminatory" and "oppressive." (JHP)

Gaza puts off meeting on Shati annexation

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — Yesterday's scheduled meeting between the Gaza Municipal Council and the Military Governor, Tak-Aluf Yitzhak Fundak, over the former's refusal to annex the Shati refugee camp, has been postponed.

The Jerusalem Post learns that the request for postponement came from the Municipality. No reason was given, nor was it known yesterday when the meeting would be held.

The Military Government, which had requested the Municipality to annex the neighbouring camp, on Saturday night ordered it to start providing the camp with municipal services. Gaza is the only town in the Strip not to have complied with orders issued last month to the towns to incorporate neighbouring refugee camps.

Kollek angered at slight to Mayor of Bethlehem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mayor Teddy Kollek last night cancelled a planned reception for 200 surgeons attending an international congress in Jerusalem after most of them failed to show up at a reception held for them Saturday in Bethlehem by that city's Mayor and town council.

In a letter to Bethlehem Mayor Yehonatan Freij, Mr. Kollek expressed apologies for "the lack of manpower" and said he was sending 30 that would have been spent on Jerusalem reception to be distributed among the poor of Bethlehem.

SCOLIOSIS PARLEY

The surgeons, most of them from abroad, are participating in a congress on scoliosis (curvature of the spine) organized by the Israel Surgical Society. They were to have attended a reception that had been arranged for them late Saturday afternoon at the Arab Women's Club in Bethlehem. On hand were several notables who had been especially invited by Mayor Freij, as well as surgeons from the local orthopaedic hospital who had been instrumental in arranging the affair.

It is believed to be the first time a reception has been held on the Bank for delegates attending an international congress held in Jerusalem.

Mr. Kollek told The Post last night that the foreign surgeons had arrived because the drivers of the Egged buses carrying them insisted instead on taking them to the shopping area in Bethlehem.

The drivers, he said, receive a kick-back on sales to tourists they bring. Mayor said he has asked the Ministry of Tourism to investigate responsibility of Egged in the

affair. The buses had been carrying the visitors on a day-long tour that included a visit to Masada.

About 50 surgeons did show up at the reception — those who came in taxis or private cars. After waiting for an hour for the others to come, the Mayor delivered his prepared speech — an almost empty hall welcoming the guests and describing the medical facilities of his city, which has five hospitals. Prof. Myer Makin, head of the orthopaedics department at Hadassah and chairman of the congress, apologized for the absence of most of the delegates and said something must have gone amiss.

Prof. Makin last night condemned as "precipitous and ill advised" Mayor Kollek's cancellation of the reception which was to have been held last night at the Israel Museum. "He's poking his nose into matters that should not be his concern," he said. Noting that the Israel Surgical Society was the organizer of the congress, he said the cancellation was "an insult to the surgeons of Israel."

The congress today begins three days of working sessions at the Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem.

In Israel there are about 1,000 persons suffering from scoliosis, which principally attacks girls at the age of 10.

FIRST-AID KITS in industrial plants will have to include 19 items in sufficient quantities for the number of employees, according to new regulations issued by Labour Minister Yosef Almog. The items include: sterile gauze pads, band-aids, pressure bandages, a sheet and kerchiefs, various pills and salves, eye drops and vaseline.

Lod customs men back at work, dispute stands

LOD AIRPORT. — Work resumed as usual in the Customs House here yesterday, and all items received full processing. However, the customs men's labour dispute has not yet been settled, and they could go out on strike at the end of the week.

Yesterday's resumption of normal work ends the "sanctions" begun nine days ago by the customs workers — ignoring all letters and instructions from the Treasury authorities and refusing to file the usual reports to them. At that time customs men also threatened a full strike if their demands were not met.

The works committee applied to the Labour Ministry's Chief Labour Relations Officer for official recognition of a labour dispute on October 7, after which a two-week interval is required before a strike can be legally declared — which would be October 21.

The customs workers are demanding an extra-effort allowance of IL100 a month for every worker because of the "increased work load in recent years."

Meanwhile, customs inspectors in the arrivals hall yesterday continued their work-to-rule sanctions — held daily between 2 and 3 p.m. — forcing arriving passengers to wait in long queues as every item in their luggage was checked — very slowly.

The inspectors told "Titim" they would continue their sanctions until the end of the week. If by that time their demands are not accepted, they might apply similar sanctions in the outgoing passengers' hall, they said. They are demanding overtime pay and other benefits already granted to income tax employees.



BIBLE ESSAY CONTEST. — President Shazar yesterday presented prizes to schoolchildren who took part in the Shazar Bible Prize essay competition for 14- to 15-year-old Beisan pupils, at a ceremony at the new President's House. The subject of the essay this year, the second year of the competition, was "The River Jordan in the Torah and in Tradition." The prize money was given anonymously by an English couple, who were present at the ceremony. The first prize went to Zehava Haimov (above), and the second prize was shared by Eli Avitan, Rahel Abu, Haya Shenberg and Ziona Ruben. (Photo Emka)

Cholera precautions

Jerusalem Post Staff

LOD AIRPORT. — The Health Ministry has requested foreign airlines to instruct their pilots to radio ahead any information about sick passengers aboard. The extra precaution is part of the stepped-up vigilance following an outbreak of cholera in Syria, the Ministry spokesman said.

Checks have also been increased at the Allenby and Damya bridges. All persons entering Israel from Middle Eastern or African countries must carry valid cholera inoculation certificates. But there are no plans for mass immunisation here, he added.

Syria yesterday made anti-cholera vaccinations compulsory throughout the country, following five deaths from the disease out of a total of 113 cases.

Health Minister Mahmoud Sa'adah, making the announcement, said there was no cause for alarm and that in two provinces the disease had been contained.

ASHEROV MURDER CASE 'Gunman's' confession admitted in evidence

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The statements written by Lucien Leonte, incriminating himself and his friend Yosef Amiel as the killers of underworld figure Ilan Asherov, were yesterday ruled admissible as evidence by the District Court here.

Leonte is charged with being the "hired gun" in the underworld revenge slaying. Amiel is to be tried separately.

Leonte's attorney had charged in court last week that the police forced the accused to write the statement by means of electric shock and other "torture."

The court, comprising Judges Emanuel Shimon, Abraham Friedman and Luba Fortuna, handed down their ruling after Leonte had refused to repeat his confession under oath.

The court also held that the prosecution had proven "beyond a doubt" that the accused had written his statements of his own free will. Most damaging to Leonte's allegation was the fact that he himself had admitted to the magistrate who remanded him that he was the one who shot Asherov, and that Yosef Amiel was with him.

The rest of yesterday's court session was devoted to the reading of three statements Leonte had written for the police, and the screening of the video-taped reenactment of the crime, with Leonte playing the leading role.

According to one of Leonte's statements, read by Chief Inspector Elisha Lavee, he and Amiel had picked up the unsuspecting Asherov in Tel Aviv for a trip to Haifa on the pretext of looking at a restaurant they might buy together. On the way, they bought cigarettes,

a separate brand for each of the three. A detour on the highway, up to Beit Oren, apparently aroused Asherov's suspicion. He refused at first to get out of the car when ordered to by Amiel, who had to threaten him with an Uzi submachinegun.

Leonte said he remained behind, as Amiel led Asherov away from the car. Then Amiel suddenly jumped aside shouting "d'fok" (hit him), and he, Leonte, fired a burst at the man he scarcely knew and against whom he said he had no personal grudge. Amiel took the Uzi from Leonte, went back to the victim and pumped some more shots into him, "to make sure," the statement alleged.

Leonte also told his interrogators that he never received his promised IL50,000 fee, nor Amiel's Plymouth car, which Amiel sold to another man after the murder.

Policeman's car set afire

BEERSHEBA. — A jeep belonging to a Beersheba police officer was badly damaged by fire Friday night.

Inspector David Baraki left his home in the Gimmel Quarter at 2 a.m. to make a routine check at the police station and saw his jeep going up in flames. He succeeded in putting out the fire with the help of neighbours; but the vehicle, including its two-way radio, was badly damaged.

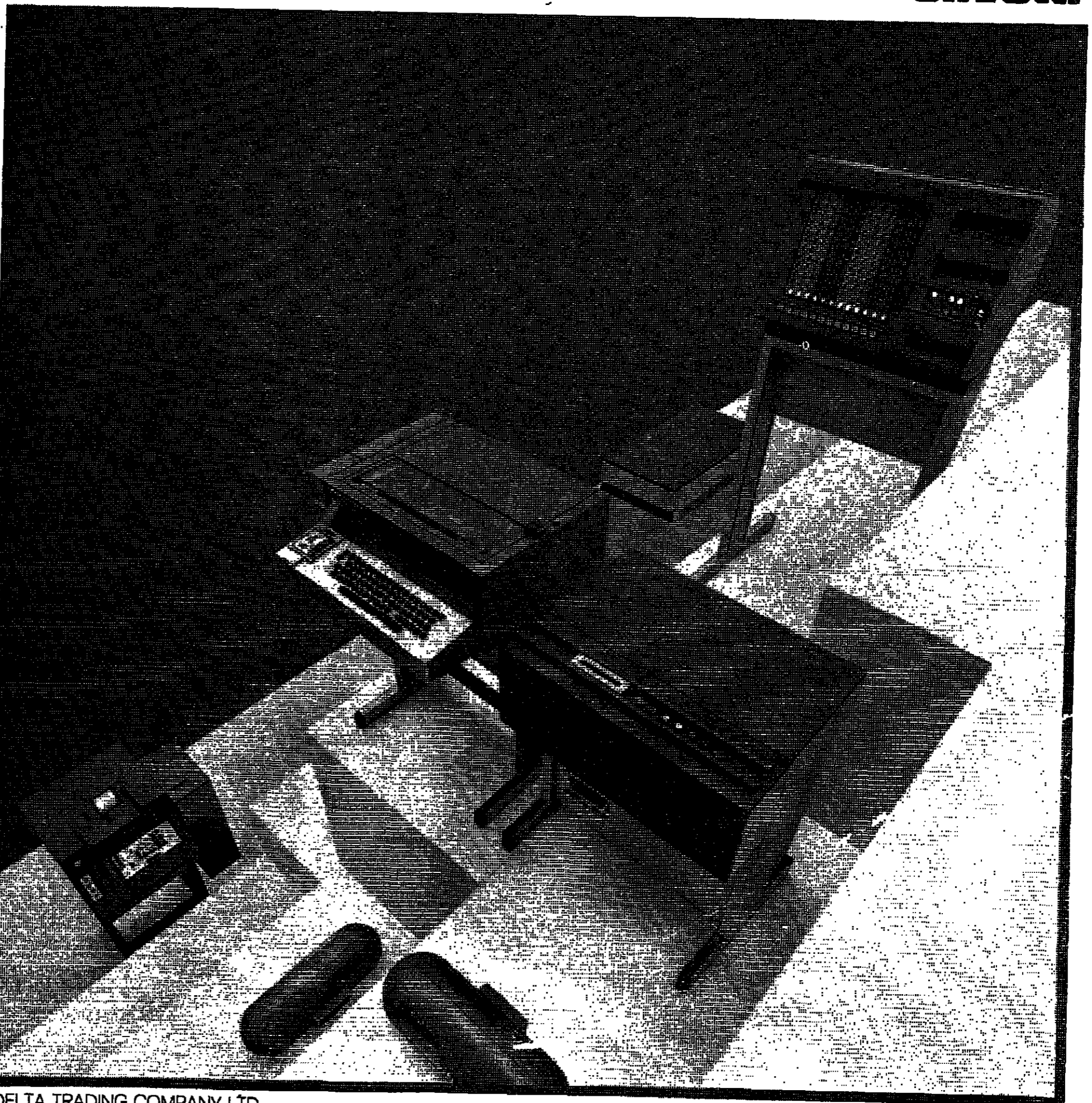
A police arson expert who checked the jeep determined that the fire started in the petrol tank, which had had its cover removed. Police investigation continues. (JHP)

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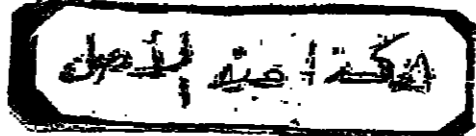
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Saigon retakes all villages near Saigon

SAIGON (UPI). — The South Vietnamese command said yesterday South Vietnamese troops have taken back all villages lost north of Saigon, but the command said there could still be more attacks in the capital area.

Pham Dang Lam, South Vietnamese ambassador to Paris, arrived in Saigon yesterday. He had been recalled along with the ambassadors to the U.S. and Britain for consultations with President Nguyen Van Thieu.

On the coastal side of central Vietnam, UPI reporter Ed Bassel in Da Nang said South Vietnamese forces linked up between the district towns of Duc Pho and Mo Duc along Highway One, but fighting continued throughout the area.

The U.S. command said about 400 U.S. planes staged their second heaviest raids in North Vietnam since the current bombing campaign began on April 6. South Vietnamese planes, helping to clear Highway 13 north of Saigon dropped napalm and bombs 32 kms. north of the capital.

U.S. spokesmen said B52 bombers yesterday and late Saturday flew raids around supply caches in North Vietnam. Saturday's heaviest raids were around the port of Vinh, 220 kms. northwest of the Demilitarized Zone, according to U.S. spokesmen.

U.S. spokesman said more than 850 missions were flown against the North in a 24-hour period ending at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

South Vietnamese spokesmen yesterday advised travellers to avoid Highway 13, about 32 kms. north of Saigon, after South Vietnamese planes had bombed the area. The spokesmen said South Vietnamese troops had earlier cleared the highway to the town of Ben Cat, 43 kms. north of the capital.

Field reports said that Communist troops were driven from the hamlet of Ben The, 27 kms. northwest of Saigon. Villagers told South Vietnamese troops that the Communists intended to establish an administrative council in the hamlet.



Vietnamese peasant woman eats a meal of rice and fish at a camp along Highway 13 north of Saigon. She had fled from her home during recent fighting just north of the South Vietnamese fighting. (AP radiophoto)

U.K. reconsiders on stateless Asians

KAMPALA (UPI). — A spokesman for the British High Commission said yesterday applications for British entry permits from some stateless Asians would be reconsidered.

Authority had been received from London to re-examine applications for British passports from Asians whose Ugandan citizenship was revoked as a result of late renunciation of British citizenship, he said.

The High Commission had also been authorized to begin issuing entry permits to the British passport-holding wives and children of stateless and Ugandan citizen Asians, he added.

Asian community leaders believe there may be as many as 5,000 of these British dependents, and perhaps another 5,000 people made stateless through late renunciation.

The High Commission has virtually completed the processing of British Asian families whose heads of household are British passport-holders.

The spokesman said 23,044 entry permits had been issued in the seven weeks since the processing began. By Saturday the numbers of Asians still coming forward was down to just over 100 a day.

Of the Asians so far granted British entry permits, some 2,500 have obtained visas to settle in India.

An estimated 1,500 more are expected to settle in Canada, while about 250 are going to Australia. Others have shown interest in emigrating to Malawi or to certain South American countries, but so far no firm arrangements have been made for them to settle there.

5 killed as kidnapped man rescued

GUATEMALA CITY (Reuter). — At least five persons died in a gun-fight yesterday as government security forces rescued a kidnapped cinema owner.

A police communique said Rodolfo Rosenberg, owner of several cinemas in Guatemala City, was found on Saturday — nine days after he was kidnapped — in a house at San Juan Totolapa, about 60 kms. from here.

The kidnapers had demanded a ransom of \$250,000 for Rosenberg's release.

According to the communique, tracker dogs were used in the rescue operation. It gave no identification of the persons killed.

HAIR. — Australia will allow soldiers to grow their hair to within half-an-inch (about one cm.) of the collar, Army Minister Bob Katter announced in Canberra yesterday. But "sideburns will not be allowed to develop into great muttonchops," he warned.

Ten Egyptians 'refused landing' by Med. ports

CAIRO (AP). — Ten Egyptian tourists were forced to spend 30 days on board "a floating prison" because they were refused landing permission in four Mediterranean countries, it was reported here yesterday.

"Al Ahram" said authorities in Italy, France, Greece and Turkey feared they were terrorists.

The Egyptians, who left aboard a Turkish ship on September 8 with Naples as their original destination, were refused entry by Italian authorities on the grounds they did not have enough foreign exchange. They were denied landing permission even when they produced the required money, according to the report.

In Marseilles, they were turned back because they carried no entry visas and in Genoa, the next stop, Italian police refused to allow them in.

The group included an engineer and his wife employed in Italy, who were returning after a vacation. The report said their children are still in Italy.

One woman and her daughter were allowed to see an old friend only under armed police guard and after a thorough search, according to the account.

Greek police at the port of Piraeus were even less cooperative and Turkey, the last stop, allowed them to cross her territory to Syria only under special police guard and after personal intervention by the Egyptian consul in Izmir, who had their armed escort.

Meanwhile, Egypt turned back eight West Germans — including a family of four — on Saturday as reprisals against Bonn's recent restrictions on Arabs went into effect.

West Germany placed curbs on Arab residents and visitors after the terrorist attack on 11 Israeli sportsmen at the Munich Olympics last month.

Egyptian officials refused entry visas to Germans who arrived here on Saturday. The "Al Gomhouria" newspaper said yesterday that eight were put on the first plane leaving for Frankfurt.

The action followed a few hours after Egypt had announced she was putting into effect a decision by the Federation of Arab Republics — which links it with Libya and Syria — to treat West Germans similarly to the way in which Arabs are treated in West Germany.

East German ambassador Martin Bierbach conferred here on Saturday with Acting Foreign Minister Abdel Kader Hatem. He reportedly told Hatem of his country's readiness to accept Egyptian students expelled from West Germany who want to continue their studies. He also denied that East Germany intends to establish diplomatic relations with Israel.

His country treats Arabs resident there well and is ready to provide any help to Arab nationalists, he added.

In London, 10 Palestinian students announced a hunger strike here yesterday. They said the protest will continue until West Germany lifts restrictions on Arab student and labour organizations and allows the return of all Arabs deported.

Cunard gets £500,000 bomb threat

LONDON (UPI). — Bow-to-stern searches of 29 cargo ships throughout the world for an alleged bomb have turned up "absolutely nothing," a spokesman at Cunard Brocksbank headquarters said yesterday.

He said headquarters ordered the searches on Saturday after an anonymous telephone caller demanding £500,000 in return for the name of the ship in danger.

"Searches have now been carried out," the spokesman said. "We have had nothing back from any of the ships or our agents. We are satisfied that the searches have shown absolutely nothing. The ships are now proceeding on their normal way."

Palestine students in hiding

BONN (Reuter). — Some members of the banned General Union of Palestinian Students (GUPS) have gone underground in West Germany, a spokesman for the organization told the weekly news magazine "Der Spiegel."

He said in an interview published yesterday that the West German security authorities had left them no other choice. They would stay underground until it is legally established that Palestinian students are not a security risk.

The West German government banned GUPS and the General Union of Palestinian Workers (GUPW) earlier this month.

The spokesman told "Der Spiegel" that "since Munich, about 100 Palestinians have been deported. Many were not even allowed the opportunity to file legal appeals." He said the GUPS members wanted to remain legally in West Germany and wanted it legally established that they were no security risk.

Asked what they would do if they did not succeed, he said: "Then we go. But then the Federal Republic ought no longer to behave as though it were a liberal state. Then it must say: we do not want any Palestinians in our country."

The spokesman said Israeli secret service officials participated in the searching of houses and arrest of Palestinians in West Germany. "We can prove that," he said.

U.S. checks to bar skyjacking

NEW YORK (UPI). — U.S. Assistant Treasury Secretary Eugene Rossides said that U.S. customs security officers have arrested 2,478 persons as a result of ground checks to prevent airline hijackings since January 1971.

He said ground searches by the security officers turned up 59,248 "potentially lethal weapons," resulting in the arrests. Of those arrested, Mr. Rossides said, 384 "made hijacking or sabotage threats" and 889 were arrested for possession of narcotics, marijuana or other drugs.

Mr. Rossides said 42 persons have been arrested aboard planes including 18 arrested for hijacking threats and 24 for other causes relating to air safety.

Mr. Rossides told the Zionist organization of America's National Executive Committee on Saturday that since January, 1971, there has been no skyjacking of any flights originating from U.S. cities.

"Where customs security officers have conducted a pre-departure search."

Rhodesian Premier ends Lisbon talks

LISBON (UPI). — Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith left for Salisbury yesterday after a meeting on Friday with Portuguese Prime Minister Marcello Caetano.

Diplomatic sources said the two premiers had discussed ways of offsetting increased United Nations opposition to their African policies. The sources called the talks successful and said they could pave the way to a joint Portuguese-Rhodesian effort at combating African freedom movements in southern Africa.

PARATROOPS. — Two Japanese paratroopers died near Tokyo yesterday after colliding in mid-air and plunging to the ground during practice descents.

Pathet Lao team in Laos for talks

VIENTIANE (UPI). — A 12-man Pathet Lao Communist delegation arrived here yesterday to begin negotiations with the Laotian Government on a peace settlement.

The delegation members, led by General Phouou Siprasouth, arrived here from Hanoi. They were accompanied by 24 supporting staff. It was the first such delegation to arrive in Vientiane since the Pathet Lao left the tripartite government in 1968.

Gen. Phouou Siprasouth is a member of the central committee of the Lao Patriotic Front, the political wing of the Pathet Lao. He said at the airport he had come to find the means to restore peace and national unity in Laos.

Interior Minister Pheng Phongsavan, head of the Government delegation, met the Communist delegation.

Siprasouth said that the Laotian parties could come to an agreement if the U.S. stopped interfering in Laotian affairs.

The two delegations will begin their negotiations today.

Observers said the talks may be successful. The Pathet Lao delegation dropped its demand for a halt in U.S. bombing before negotiations could start.

If the delegations reach agreement, Prime Minister Souvanna Phouma and Pathet Lao leader Prince Souvanouvong will meet to negotiate an end to the war in Laos.

New 18-man Cabinet formed in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH (Reuter). — Leaders of the Socio-Republican party yesterday succeeded in forming a new Cambodian government, ending six days of complex political bargaining, sources here said.

The new 18-man Cabinet is to be headed by Mr. Hang Thun Hak as Prime Minister.

The government led by first minister Son Ngoc Thanh which took office on March 21 resigned yesterday morning, although no official announcement was made.

Mr. Hak was asked to form the government last week by President Lon Nol, following parliamentary elections last month in which the Socio-Republicans won all the seats in the Senate and Lower House.

The party's two senior leaders are Secretary General Hak and its founder, Colonel Lon Non, younger brother of the president.

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Tel Aviv U. Board meeting LOCAL STUDENTS FAVOURED NOW

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Only 400 of the 15,100 students enrolled in Tel Aviv University for the coming year are from abroad. Mr. Victor Carter, chairman of the University's Board of Governors, told *The Jerusalem Post* last week.

The University feels it more important to concentrate on providing higher education facilities for Israelis than on turning into a centre for overseas students. Mr. Carter added. Mr. Carter is here for the Board of Governors' fifth annual meeting, which is to begin Tuesday.

Among the guests expected is Prince Napoleon, a direct descendant of Napoleon Bonaparte.

Prince Napoleon became interested in Tel Aviv University during a fund-raising event held in Mr. Carter's honour in Paris by the French Friends of Tel Aviv University. He was so impressed with what he heard about the young institution that he got up and declared: "I may not have too much money, but I would like to contribute something too." Since then the Prince has been an ardent friend of the University (Princess Grace of Monaco is also among the contributors to T.A.U., Mr. Carter said).

Mr. Carter, a California-based multi-millionaire, said it was Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir who urged his election as chairman of the Board. It was left up to Mr. Carter to raise large sums of money abroad. (Mr. Carter is also chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Conference.)

Last year saw the establishment of a fund-raising apparatus for the growing university, under Mr. Carter's direction, all around the world. Until he took office the university had hardly any fund-raising operations abroad — mainly because all private fund-raising activities overseas had been frozen by Government order, so they would not hurt the more vital fund-raising drives to enable the State to meet its enormous costs following the Six Day War.

The goal for the coming academic year is to collect \$3m., \$5m. more than were collected in the previous year, for the operational budget and for scholarships. Enormous funds for expansion of the campus, for new buildings and in-

stalling up-to-date facilities, are to be collected separately.

A special project this year, Mr. Carter told *The Post*, will be the collection of \$750,000 to set up three science chairs for three Jewish professors still in the Soviet Union. The three, electrochemistry expert Prof. Benjamin Levich, experimental solid-state physics expert Prof. Alexander Vornel, and theoretical solid-state physics expert Mark Azbel, have all been offered posts at the university and have accepted their appointments. All three, and their families, have yet to be given exit permits by the Soviet authorities.

"We don't know yet when they will be allowed to leave, but we are doing all we can to put pressure on Soviet authorities to let them go. To show we are sure that they will come, we are preparing everything for them, so they will be able to get down to work as soon as they arrive," Mr. Carter explained.



A third-grade class of one has started at the school at the Argaman settlement in the Jordan Valley after the Ministry of Education approved the employment of a settlement member, Zaphira Yuchvitz, especially to teach nine-year-old Yitzhak Ben-Ami. Here he has an arithmetic lesson all to himself. (Issachroff photo)

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HALLELUJA MAN FROM ISRAEL

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE best candidates for immigration to Israel may well be those assimilated Jews of the free world who do not know that there is such a thing as aliyah.

Yosaf Shavit, a correspondent for "Yediot Ahronot," reached that conclusion during his three-year mission as a shaliach (aliya representative in New York).

"The aliya worker usually gets to talk to those Jews who are already convinced — synagogue groups, Jewish community centre clubs and so forth," Mr. Shavit, who had processed my own immigration, told me when we met recently in Tel Aviv. "But maybe the people who need to hear about it are the Jews who live in some tiny, far-off town where there are two or three Jewish families. They're the ones who experience anti-Semitism."

A man who fits this description once came by chance to one of Mr. Shavit's lectures. He had been visiting relatives active in Jewish life who invited him to come to the lecture. For politeness sake, he agreed. He later came to talk to

Mr. Shavit. "I'm a successful pediatrician earning \$48,000 a year. I have a nice home and am very happy. Why should a man like me want to go to Israel?"

"I told him I don't have an answer for him — but that if he should ever find one for himself he should call me. I forgot all about him but a year later he called. He told me that after he had given a lecture on childhood diseases at a local church function, the priest invited him and his wife to dinner. All was well until the fourth glass of whiskey. Then the priest got up, gave him a hearty slap on the back and said 'you and your wife are such nice people that I can almost forget you're Jewish.' He didn't immigrate; but he says he now understands how someone in his position could."

As a journalist, Mr. Shavit is particularly concerned about using the mass media to sell aliya to those who do not hear about it in Jewish circles. "We put a few ads in the general papers trying to arouse interest in job opportunities in Israel. Of course, we couldn't use the word aliya, but we got the point across and we got hundreds of replies."

Mr. Shavit, incidentally, very much objects to the use of the English word immigration in place of aliya. Jewish Agency personnel in the United States, he explained, use the Hebrew word at all costs, even if it is constantly being mispronounced and misunderstood. "In Tennessee, one of our aliya representatives was introduced to a gathering as the Israel halleluja man."

The Italians or the Irish, he explained, immigrated to the United States to improve their material condition or to escape religious prejudice. But the Jew who comes to Israel, even if he comes for reasons like these, also comes for a spiritual reason. "True, the old theory about Jerusalem being the highest place on earth has been disproved. But for a Jew, Jerusalem is the highest place spiritually. The only way you can translate 'aliya' is literally — going up — not immigration."

New York in 1968, I worked in the central office in Manhattan. There you do nothing but interview those who come to see you. There just isn't time for anything else. Sometimes I would see ten or more applicants a day." At the beginning, these were mostly people aroused by post-Six Day War enthusiasm. "Aliya requires both push and pull. The pull can be an economic crisis (as there was in the State later during my stay), or degenerating neighbourhoods, or the fear that the children will marry non-Jews. There is nothing wrong with this. The aliya from Germany or Russia, who were the founding fathers of the State was made up of people who came at least partially because they were forced to flee their native countries. But there also has to be an idealistic push. Otherwise, the moment the crisis is passed, the okeh may very well leave Israel."

Some olim claim they were given a rosy picture of Israel and made promises which Israel cannot keep. "When a man is about to make a decision that will change his life, he's in a crisis and sometimes hears only what he wants to hear. Also, there are objective difficulties. Let's say a man comes to the aliya representative and says he's an engineer for air conditioners. The representative encourages him, saying he's sure to find a job with so much building going on here. Then it turns out, only after the man comes on aliya, that he specializes in air-conditioning for huge plants. When he doesn't find a job, he claims the aliya representative lied to him."

QUEENS OFFICE
In 1969 Mr. Shavit opened a one-man district office in Queens, when the electronics and aviation companies on Long Island were beginning to lay off engineers and technicians. "I was sometimes accused of discouraging aliya instead of encouraging it because I would make these unemployed men think twice about coming to Israel. If they were only going because of the crisis, it wouldn't work. The minute the crisis passed, they would want to return. But if they had motivation, there was a good chance they would stay even after the crisis passed."

He would also tell potential olim that children will have difficult adjustment problems in school and that their wives may not be happy with the available foodstuffs, or with the prices in the supermarket.

Some people were discouraged by fear that they could not become successfully absorbed in Israel. "Take an elderly man who has a small pension and gets help from his children. Even if he manages financially in Israel, who would take care of him when he's sick or if he can no longer live alone?"

Handicapped people are also discouraged but some of those who fought for aliya went on to prove that they could succeed here.

MOST of the representative's work is with people who come to his office. "When I first got to

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CHASTE KISSES AND BITS OF ORANGE PEEL

By JOHN ARDAGH

LONDON (FWW). — WHEN you go to the theatre, you hardly expect the cast to me and kiss you on the lips (or chastely), give you a piece of orange-peel to eat, or invite you to press the cheeks and neck of other members of the audience. Yet that, and much more, is the kind of thing that happens at "Liquid Theatre," the latest American venture in audience participation. It has just ended in London to admiring reviews.

This curious entertainment, or psychotherapy, or whatever you like call it, is taking place at Global Village, a new "multi-activity experience centre" (as it describes itself) which has spent £200,000 on converting its premises out of old cellars under the railway station. In this formerly sleazy setting, the swinging London of the 50s is projecting itself deep into 1970s. There are boutiques selling trendy clothes, and a health restaurant offering organic foods; on there'll be closed TV circuits and film-making facilities.

The aim of the Village is to create a "total environment" for dining, discussion, leisure and pleasure. And it has Liquid Theatre every evening. The cool and spacious bars have been beautifully decorated: some of them are dim-lit oases where you sit on soft oriental rugs in a serene and secluded noosphere that reminded me of the Moorish palace or the vaults of a mosque. It seems just the right thing for Liquid Theatre's sensory ventures.

Liquid Theatre was invented in Los Angeles, ran for seven months at the Guggenheim Museum in New York, has been to Paris and now to London. Here the cast of 44

are mostly English, and very young. Half are straight out of drama school, while the others include a housewife, a cinema projectionist, and a debutante who is a general's daughter. "I wouldn't mind including an insurance salesman, for instance, if he showed the right qualities," says the show's American director, Jean McFadden — for what is needed is not so much acting ability as puppy-charm and the gift of putting people at their ease.

This is what happens. We buy our tickets, we are smilingly greeted and each given a polythene bag — blue, yellow or pink etc. — into which we are urged to shed our shoes, our jackets, and anything else that we feel might inhibit our voyage to self-discovery. We are then divided into groups of about 20, and while awaiting our turn for the initiation ceremony we are made to warm up by playing some children's group games, pretending we are frogs, vampires, etc.

My heart sinks: isn't this like the silliest kind of jolly holiday camp? But the next bit of the evening is the best. Our group is led into a darkened room where we sit on the floor and meditate: then one by one we are led by the hand by a pretty girl into the next room, "the Labyrinth." "Close your eyes," she whispers, "breathe in!" That is the key phrase.

What happens now? It is brief, but magical. Unseen hands caress me, voices murmur "welcome," a breeze blows wafting incense, soft music plays, my hands are dipped in icy water. Then two young men naked to the waist envelop me as the filling in a "unisex sandwich" and whirl me round, crooning in my ear. ("Am I here to enjoy or be enjoyed?" commented one critic). Finally I am kissed on the mouth,



The Liquid Theatre poster

tenderly, first by a girl, then by a boy, and asked to open my eyes. They are smiling up at me. The Labyrinth has been described as "erotic blind-man's-buff" but I found it much too innocent to be erotic, nor is it trying to be so.

I then rejoin my group in a further room, where we sit on the floor in one of those cool Moorish alcoves and are invited to test the purity of our senses by examining the taste and texture of an orange slice, and the almond. We drink sweet mint tea. More incense. It is all very relaxing — a kind of instant-Katmandu.

Then the entire cast and audience (it might be more accurate to call them "hosts" and "guests") gather in the main room for more group games, this time of a different kind. Eyes closed, we explore the texture of each other's faces with our fingers; we stand back-to-back and "talk" silently by moving our bottoms; we are lifted high in the air by the group, or are lain on the floor and gently pressed or pummelled.

ROCK BAND

Then our hosts entertain us with some expressionist ballet (not very good) and an Adam and Eve mime. Finally, a live rock band strikes up, psychedelic lights flash, and the evening ends with hosts and guests joining together in a free-wheeling celebratory tribal dance. We emerge soothed and purged, more at ease with our fellows — or, at least, that's the idea.

Liquid Theatre has been described as "a Turkish bath for the psyche" or "a sensory antidote to the strains of modern urban living." Margaret (Shosh) Tabor, London-based "Spiritual Supervisor" of the show, summed it up to me thus: "The comfort of physical contact is basic to all of us. A child is comforted by touch, and we suppose that he later grows out of it — but, in fact, society has trained him out of it. As adults, we tend to associate this kind of comforting contact with sex — but in fact there are plenty of people who really just need the comfort, without the complications of sex. They don't always know how to find cuddles without having to copulate. We are trying to show them a way." She went on, "Lonely people come here 'again' and again, mostly young ones but some are aged 70 or more. One woman said she thought the Labyrinth should be free on the National Health Service — I think that's a sad comment on our society."

Music Reviews

Nothing modern in modern organ music

ORGAN works of this century were performed by Jan Bender, a Dutch organist living in the U.S., in a recital at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer last week.

There was, however, nothing modern about the programme so far as the musical style of its works was concerned. From the beginning of the century, there were Chorale Preludes and a "Toccata and Fugue" by J.S. Bach, and "Among the Leaves" by Debussy. Although Reger's works mainly abound in folk-like, singable choral melodies, full and rich harmonies and overheated chromatic progressions, the composer's personal touch, resourceful imagination and architectural capacity prevented him, nevertheless, from falling into stereotypes and contribute to his considerable power of attraction.

This is more than can be said about his followers, Kurt Flebig and Johannes Weyrauch, German composers who continued Reger's style in an epigone-like manner, according to similar recipes but without the same originality or invention. The Chorale Variations by Flebig seem rather like an array of commonplace clichés, and the composition date of Weyrauch's conservative Sonata in E Minor — 1955 — strikes one as an anachronism.

The performance of Bender's Variations on a theme composed by the German composer Hugo Distler in celebration of Austria's annexation by the Third Reich, displayed great tactlessness in front of an audience that had in part been invited from Western Jerusalem, especially as the musical merits of the work could hardly justify its performance.

Bender's playing is rhapsodic and chord-happy, a discriminating choice of registers created contrasts that put the various parts well in relief and inclined towards subtle sonorities. URY EPPSTEIN

A SUMMER COURSE for girl soldier-teachers ended last weekend at Bar-Ilan University with a ceremony attended by University faculty and senior officers in the army's Women's Corps. The girls will serve in development towns and border settlements.

J.S. actress here for 'The Glass Menagerie' tour



RUTH BRINKMANN

L AVIV. — American actress Ruth Brinkmann heads a cast of four who will present Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie" in Tel Aviv for two weeks beginning on November 2.

Pressario Baruch Gilion told the Jerusalem Post yesterday that Brinkmann is the star of the English Touring Company which was formed in Vienna 10 years ago by her husband, director Max Schaffranek, a pupil of Max Reinhardt and former deputy director of the Burg Theatre.

For two months each summer, the company plays in Vienna, where it is known as "The Vienna English Theatre," and the rest of the year, tours West European countries as the Brinkmann Players.

Mr. Gilion said he first saw Miss Brinkmann in Vienna two years ago and immediately started negotiations for the company to visit Israel.

TEL AVIV teenagers were arrested on Thursday after trying to sell a local parts dealer ILS,000 worth of stolen automobile parts. The dealer had notified the police on the spot after the boys' call aroused his suspicion.

The price Nixon pays for right-wing support

By SAM LIPSKI
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
NEW YORK.

IT is a moment of the most exquisite political theatre. The scene is the grand ballroom of the New York Hilton at the 10th anniversary dinner of the Conservative Party. Vice-President Spiro Agnew has just delivered an enthusiastically received "philosophical" campaign speech and he is followed by the Guru of the New Right, William F. Buckley, Jr.

Buckley looks out across a sea of a thousand relaxed after-dinner faces and plays the audience like a master. "I notice that my hero, Mr. Agnew, tends to come to our dinners in presidential years. He was last here in 1968." (Cheers and applause).

"I hope he will come again in 1976." (Very loud cheers and applause).

But having made his fellow conservatives feel warm all over at the prospect of an Agnew candidacy in 1976, Buckley suddenly throws a bucket of rhetorical cold water over everybody. With a scorn which he has made distinctively his own, he reminds the elders of American conservatism that President Nixon went to China.

"There was Richard Nixon comparing Mao's revolution to the American Revolution and talking about us going on a long March together. And sitting with Madam Mao Tse-tung at the revolutionary ballet — a violation of truth and of art — and applauding. It was as if we had invited the leaders of Black Africa to the White House and had them watch "Little Black Sambo."

DIRTY JOKE

The audience gasps and laughs nervously as if somebody has just told a dirty joke in unfamiliar mixed company. Buckley does not let up. His two targets for tonight are President Nixon and Professor Ross Terrill, the Australian China scholar at Harvard. Both are blamed for contributing to a blurring of the fundamental evils of Chinese Communism, for creating a climate of public discussion in which the question is now asked: "What really is so bad about China?" Buckley is disturbed that the question should have to be asked.

"Professor Terrill admits that a writer in China cannot write what he pleases, that a scientist cannot pursue his chosen field of research, that there is no free press, or freedom of worship, and then actually wonders if this is a real deprivation of freedom... And President Nixon, returning to Andrews Air Force base, tells the world that the Chinese support their government with great enthusiasm. No doubt that enthusiasm is professionally furnished by Peking, an approach which would of course interest someone like Richard Nixon."

What must Vice-President Ag-



Agnew—plans for 1976?

new think of all this? After all, it is not exactly usual at a dinner called to endorse the Nixon Agnew ticket for a speaker to make it clear that he wants Agnew for 1976, has the utmost disdain for the "great achievements" of Nixon's foreign policy, and reluctantly supports the ticket because Senator George McGovern is even worse.

But whatever he may think, the Vice-President applauds Buckley's appeal to conservatives to defend the faith and cannot hide his grin when Buckley says: "We all understand Senator Barry Goldwater when he says that politically he is well to the right of President Nixon and slightly to the left of Vice-President Nixon."

GURU'S BROTHER

Agnew knows that attacks on Nixon are the price that the White House has to pay for the support of the Conservative Party in New York. The ideological right wing is unhappy with some of the Nixon domestic and foreign policies and it does not want to be taken for granted. As an organization, conservatives may only be strong enough to elect one senator, New York's James Buckley — the Guru's brother — but their influence extends nationally. Agnew knows this may be even more true for 1976. A recent "New York Times" poll showed that two thirds of that traditionally "liberal" state's voters saw themselves as conservatives or moderates.

So his own speech tonight is an outline of the three fundamentals of the philosophical consensus which binds American political life together: "The American Proposition."

As a professor of political science might do, Agnew gives a

lecture, with quotations, oral foot notes, and a show of erudition. He took four days to write it and reporters travelling with him say he is proud of it. As political preaching to the converted goes, it really is a very good speech, well-argued, well delivered and occasionally very funny.

First, says the Vice-President, there is a belief in the primacy of reason in public affairs. "But Senator McGovern's rhetoric in this campaign has been anything but reasonable... He has likened our president to Hitler, this country to Nazi Germany, and the Republican Party to the Ku Klux Klan... I have been accused on occasion of using strong political rhetoric. But compared to McGovern's venomous rhetoric, my statements look like something out of the pages of "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm."

According to Agnew: "Richard Nixon has restored reason to its proper role in our nation's affairs." The conservatives do not applaud. Even for them, perhaps especially for them, the claim is a trifle excessive.

MORAL REALITY

A second fundamental concept of the American philosophy, Agnew continues, is the acceptance of the need for a just order based on law. McGovern blames crime on "unspeakable conditions" in the cities of America. But to contend that poverty is the sole or major cause of urban violence is to seriously misunderstand moral reality. "To maintain that a poor human being is not responsible for his acts impugns his highest moral qualities and treats him as if he were an animal rather than a person... We understand that certain external conditions can encourage crime. But we believe strongly that deterministic explanations are never sufficient."

The third source of "The American Proposition" is acknowledgment of a transcendent moral order. Both Nixon and McGovern accept this notion, says Agnew, but they end up with different moral judgements. "It has become a habit of critics of the American role in Vietnam to call our involvement in Vietnam 'immoral.'"

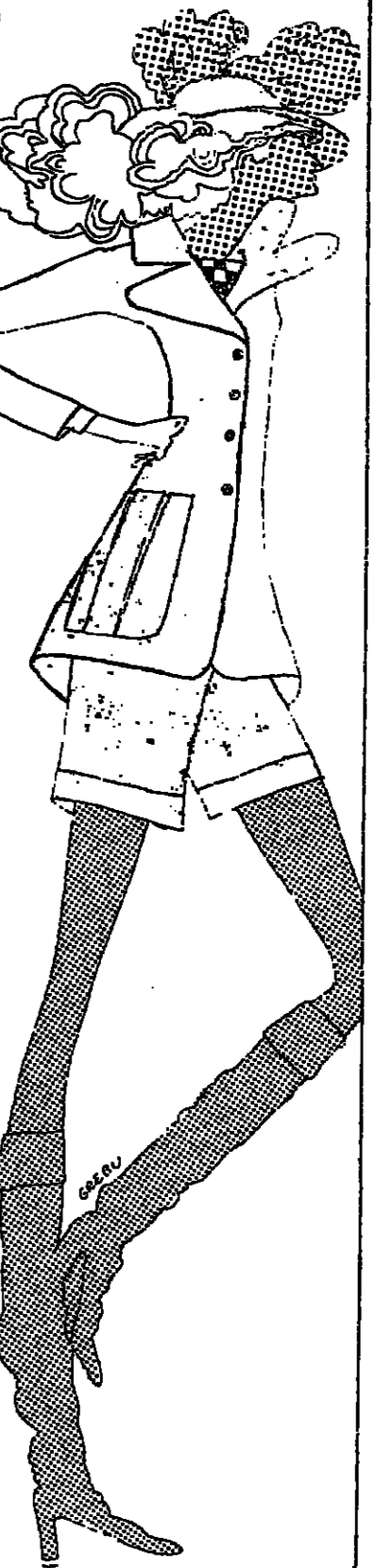
It is all very well to say, as Senator McGovern says, that people have a right to be organized under a communist system. But suppose that people don't want that? Is not that also their right? And if they appeal to the U.S. for help, and if there is a treaty obligation to help them, "is it not our moral duty as Americans to intervene? Is this not in fact the very highest form of morality?"

It is perhaps the only time in the whole campaign where either Nixon or Agnew will defend American involvement on such moral grounds. And this is perhaps one of the few audiences where it will be received with such fervent applause.

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PRICE CONTROL AFFECTS INDUSTRIAL GOODS MOST

By MOSHE ATEE
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

PRICE control has been more effectively applied to industrial goods than other economic sectors, according to a study prepared by the Manufacturers' Association International Consultants Ltd.

Over the period August 1970 when the 20 per cent defence levy was imposed on imports, and the luxury price control was applied (in full force) to April 1972, the price level of manufactured goods advanced 20 per cent, of which almost 17 per cent was due to "external factors" considered by the Price Controller as justifying a price rise (higher cost of imported materials and higher fiscal charges). The difference was also caused by higher cost of locally produced materials and accessories, proved by the Controller.

On the other hand, prices of agricultural products advanced 19 per cent, and construction costs 41 per cent over the Controller's guidelines. The result, local manufacturers' products advanced relatively, and in competitive ability to stand up to imports.

Since the average increase of over 20 per cent in industrial prices exceeded the respective import and local cost hikes, the other cost increases must have been absorbed by the manufacturers. This refers particularly to the substantial increase in labour cost.

higher replacement price of machinery, equipment and buildings, which now require larger depreciation. The study estimates the replacement costs of fixed industrial assets to have risen about 50 per cent in the above period, adding another one per cent if not more to aggregate cost. Financing costs and sundry expenses have also risen.

It is therefore arguable that industrial profits must have declined, though this need not be the case if industries could expand their turnover so as to be able to earn stable profits with slimmer profit margins per product unit. As a matter of fact, industrial proceeds advanced by about 40 per cent in the above period, though various industries — and, of course, individual firms — fared very unevenly in this respect.

HANDICAPS
The study's other findings were — as could have been expected — that the current control of wholesale prices often benefited not the ultimate consumer, but the retailer, and that the control resulted in many handicaps to economic operation of industrial firms.

Thus, users of metal containers

persisted in ordering old models of cans — outdated but price-controlled, and therefore cheaper than new ones, and placed piecemeal orders with the local can producer, in spite of the higher costs involved, because the latter could not be added to the controlled price. In other cases, like in the clothing industry, standard articles were successively replaced by new sundry ones, which could be priced without reference to control.

By and large, major producers of standard products, in particular with reputed brand names, were most hit by the price ceiling. In some cases, they could recoup themselves due to the increase in output and in sales proceeds, but in other cases the sales volume remained fairly stable, and profits were hit.

In the period surveyed, the price level of private consumption increased 25 per cent, instead of the 10 per cent it should have risen under price control, the study found. The excess price advance was biggest in construction before last year's devaluation, and in agricultural products after it. The price increase for imported consumer goods averaged 15 per cent in that period.

C-o-L index rose 1.4% in Sept.

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Cost-of-Living index rose by 1.4 per cent last month, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday. At the end of the month the index stood at 135.2, compared with 133.3 on August 31.

The Bureau said the rise was due mainly to seasonal increases in the prices of fruits, vegetables, clothing and footwear. If fruits and vegetables were not included in the calculations, the index's climb would have been one per cent, it said.

Foreign currency reserves up in September

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The end-of-September balance sheet of the Bank of Israel, just released, shows a \$10.5m. net increase in foreign currency reserves over the figure for the end of August. The reserves stood at \$651.5m.

The Bank also reported its credits to the Government rose by IL9.1m. from the August figure.

Customs hit 'overdressed' seamen

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HEAFAA — The Customs Authorities have started a crack down on the "overdressed" seamen of Israel's passenger vessels, members of the crews of the m.s. Nili and Dan.

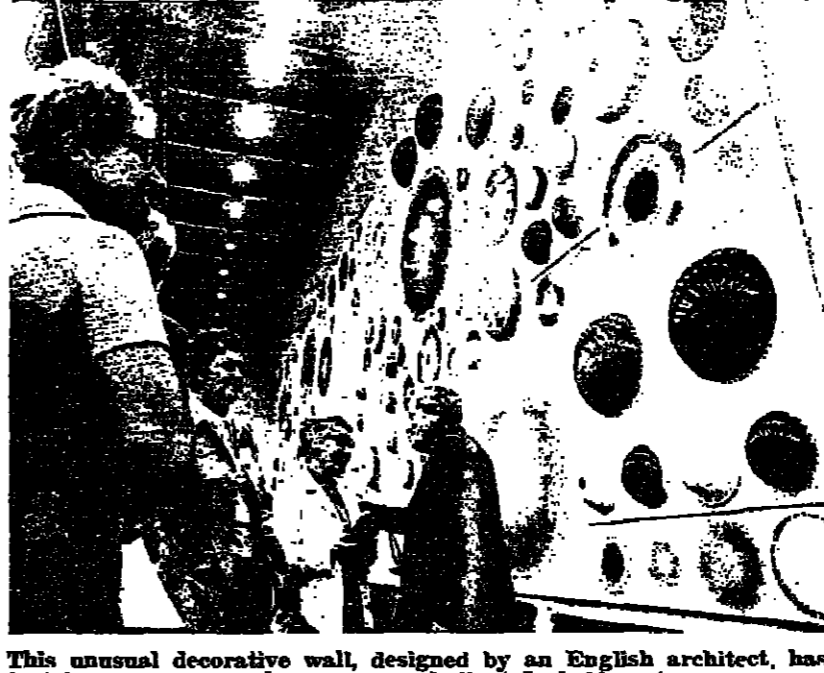
Last Thursday and Friday, upon the ship's arrival here, the customs men "undressed" 200 dungaree pants and jackets from the bodies of the men, who were wearing them two and three thick, in order to smuggle them out of the port. The men have for years been exploiting this method of getting the goods through, untaxed. They "sweat it out" until they get past the port exit, and there strip off the excess clothes and hand them over to dealers in "seamen's imports." The dungarees, usually known as "jeans" are a popular item.

The Customs Collector, David Dimnes, told The Jerusalem Post that the men caught for the first time were let off with warning, and administrative fines of IL30 to IL100 were imposed on second- and third-time offenders.

Libya trade balance up

TRIPOLI (Reuters) — Libya had a surplus of about \$641 m. in its trade balance during the first nine months of 1971, the official Libyan News Agency said here last week. It said this marked an increase of about \$81m. over the same period in 1970.

The agency added that exports during the first nine months of 1971 marked an increase of \$77m. over the same period in 1970. Libyan exports were mainly crude oil, grain, fish, milk and its products, oil, fish, beef, veal, lamb, wine, sugar and cotton. On the other hand, FAO listed sharp deterioration in the markets for wool, hides and skins. The outlook for 1972 indicated that world agricultural trade may not show any substantial improvement over 1971.



This unusual decorative wall, designed by an English architect, has just been put up in the passenger hall at Lod Airport. (Israel Sun)

WORLD AGRICULTURE TRADE INCREASES

ROME (AP) — The value of agricultural trade in the world recorded a moderate four per cent increase last year, the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) reported last week. In 1970 the increase had been a huge 12 per cent. And, FAO said in its annual commodity review and outlook, the increase in 1971 was chiefly due to higher prices than to larger exports.

FAO also noted that industrialized nations increased their trade earnings in 1971 by 11 per cent while earnings in developing lands fell by three per cent. Last year's principal gains were in food and feed commodities such as wheat, coarse grains, milk and its products, oil, fish, beef, veal, lamb, wine, sugar and cotton. On the other hand, FAO listed sharp deterioration in the markets for wool, hides and skins. The outlook for 1972 indicated that world agricultural trade may not show any substantial improvement over 1971.

Here is the FAO's 1972 outlook, commodity by commodity. Grain — output should be smaller, partly due to the Soviet crop failure and partly to U.S. policy to curb output. But trade is expected to rise as a result of massive Russian purchases; Meat — production and trade to rise, prices expected to remain strong; Milk — output should recover. Prices will probably be lower than 1971. Stocks, probably of butter, should increase; Fats and oils — production will go up; Sugar — output and consumption are expected to rise with prices remaining high; Fish — supplies should be light, but the fish meat market is expected to recover with higher demand and prices; Bananas — little change in prices, but increased exports; Coffee — output is expected to be closer to consumption. Outlook for prices unclear with lower carry-over stocks and the uncertain future of the international coffee agreement; Cocoa — grindings increased in 1971-1972 and the outlook depends on the development of the forthcoming crop; Wine — moderate increase in Common Market countries and larger gains elsewhere in Europe, the U.S. and Latin America; Cotton — trade and consumption likely to improve. Prices may ease; Wool — prices and consumption likely to improve; Jute output and exportable supplies should increase; Hard fibres — prices firm, output up; Natural rubber — supply and demand should increase further, but prices appear unlikely to improve substantially; Hides and skins — output likely to increase moderately, prices should maintain upward tendency; Forest products — demand and prices should increase for most products.

This slower rate of growth was accompanied by an acceleration of inflation. In the industrial countries — which constitute the world economy — the price average (the G.N.P. deflator) advanced by an annual 2.5 per cent in the first half of the 'sixties, by 4.1 per cent in the second half of the decade and by six per cent a year during 1970-71. At the same time, the advance in prices, previously confined to domestic markets, spread to international trade. The advance in the world market price level was one per cent in 1968, rising to 2.5 per cent in 1969, and to 5.6 per cent in 1970 and 1971.

One of the factors contributing to the price rise last year was the spectacular increase in the price of crude oil. However, prices of many factored goods also advanced substantially, while prices of primary products lagged behind. The tension between the advanced and the developing countries — which subsided somewhat in the mid-'sixties but has been mounting again of late, probably needs to be looked at against this background. It is small wonder, therefore, that most of the chapter on economic trends in the I.M.F. report is devoted to the problem of inflation in industrial countries. Without embarking upon theoretical speculations, the report palpably regards the simultaneous appearance of slow growth and price inflation as more than coincidental; but while it supports the view that checking inflationary forces is a precondition for sound growth, it is rather sceptical about the success of policies adopted to that end.

WAGE-PRICE SPIRAL
"Cost-push forces," it says, "are still strong in a climate of deep-rooted inflationary expectations, based on the experience of recent years... such a combination of elements poses a very difficult situation for the conduct of economic policy throughout the industrial world."

Fiscal and monetary policies have not been effective in stopping "a strong wage-price spiral," the report declares, and many countries have therefore resorted to an income policy. But it is too early for clear standards, criteria and a body of doctrine to have been established in this field. Besides, income policy is still encountering stiff opposition from many quarters, both labour and management. On the other hand, without proper controls on people's incomes, text-book policies fail to produce the expected results. "Analysis of the differences between country forecasts and actual developments in recent years indicates that relationships between demand/cost pressures and rates of price increase have been rather seriously misjudged in the formulation of economic policy."

The report therefore envisages an "active re-examination of economic policies in general" in order to allow governments to resume expansionist policies without running the risk of adding oil to the inflationary fire. It admits that no alternative to an income policy is in sight for the time being. But neither does it conceal its doubts about this policy's efficacy. Thus for the time being, problems of international monetary flows must be considered in the shadow of this dominant issue.

ASIAN. — Ford may invest up to \$25m. to produce an "Asian car" and quality car parts in Taiwan, according to the English-language

Profit-taking sets in after firm start

JERUSALEM (AP) — The stock market started off yesterday on a solid note: in the opening round and in the first round of the variables share prices firmed, continuing the trend which started last Thursday. However, late in the morning, some profit-taking appeared and prices closed below their highs.

Volume was again substantial, and a total value of IL4.4m. in shares were traded. The high volume, which on the average increases from month to month, indicated a steadily growing interest in the market. Observers note that, at the moment, expectations on prices are favourable, although the trend may be disturbed by daily or weekly fluctuations.

The new sales offer of the Gavish investment fund, which is managed by Pia and in trust by Bank Leumi, starts tomorrow. At the moment, the fund invests about 55 per cent of its capital in index-linked bonds, 23 per cent in foreign currency bonds, and about 15 per cent in shares and convertible bonds. The remaining part is liquid. The same can be said of the Electric Corp., at 85.5 of 1/2. Bank Leumi added two points to 346.8, despite a strike threat today.

Cial Industries was heavily demanded yesterday, opening and closing at 193, up 6 points. Cial Investment also was in demand and added 8 points to 210, after a 10-point rise last Thursday. Central Trade was firm at 287, up 12. Wolfson remained unchanged at 112.5.

Land and Development shares were all higher: Africa 10 at 266, up 3, I.L.D.C. at 220, up 1 1/2, Isras 116, adding 3 points and Rassco Pref. 117, up 1.

In the industrial sector Ata C declined 1 1/2 points to 173 1/2, and Dubek jumped 10 points to 346. Cold Storage regained something of its lost position at 385, up 11 after it had traded as high as 392. Tal lost 1 point to 342 after 346 earlier in the day. Delek remained unchanged at 198.5.

Investment companies were firm with heavy turnover in Chasouta: 38,000 shares changed hands and closed at 119, up 3. Bank Leumi closed at 234, up 4, and Discount Inv. at 255, up 1 point.

IL2.2m. bonds were traded, with index-linked bonds steady and dollar-linked bonds unchanged.

REPORT CITES WORLD INFLATION

Jerusalem Post Economic Editor
The International Monetary Fund's annual report has been shadowed this year by its predecessor on the proposed monetary reform. But while the latter has been widely criticized as inconclusive, the report contains some eye-opening data and many timely suggestions.

growth of hot-money funds which can be easily withdrawn. Moreover, the increased mobility of capital forces central banks to be on their guard not only against fluctuations of international trade — as in the past — but also against sudden movements of funds. Whether or not this factor can be checked by the wider exchange rate margins, and by the recently tightened control of capital transactions, the report is not sure. Incidentally it shows that of the \$27.3 billion added to the reserves of 11 countries last year, only \$12.1 billion was attributable to current account surpluses, while capital inflow amounted to \$15.2b. In the case of the United States — "not" included in the above figures — foreign trade accounted for an insignificant fraction of its record \$30.5b. balance of payments deficit.

(\$75.4b. to \$121.3b. and over 90 per cent of the accretion was holdings of foreign exchange. However, the bulk of these holdings was either official or private claims on the U.S. or dollar claim on banks outside the U.S. Compared with the international dollar commitments of at least \$60b. sterling holdings (about \$8b.) are of minor importance, and international holdings of German marks and French francs (amounting between them to about \$2b.) insignificant.

less than one-tenth of the world's total, and came third after those of Germany (\$18.2b.) and Japan (\$15.8b.). With the wind still blowing in this direction, i.e. dollar commitments abroad rising steadily, the current discussion about the pros and cons of dollar convertibility (in gold or in other currencies) becomes understandable.

Problems of reserve currencies and other monetary technicalities, however, form only a minor part of the I.M.F. report which is mainly concerned with world trade and economic growth. The point it draws attention to is that the growth rate of world economy has declined. In 1960-65 it averaged 5.3 per cent, during the next four years about five per cent, but during 1970-71 only some 3.5 per cent — which is little more than the annual increase in the world's population. True, the growth rate did increase somewhat in 1971, after a dramatic drop in 1970, but it was still only 3.8 per cent. Moreover, most of that increase must be attributed to the improved performance of the U.S. and Canadian economies, while the growth of most other nations — both industrialized and developing — has declined.

Whether as a result or as a cause of this decline, the expansion of international trade slowed up even more dramatically. From an annual rate of 8.4 per cent in the 'sixties — and much more in the decade's closing years — it dropped to less than six per cent in 1971. In this respect, too, both industrialized and primary producing countries were affected.

French air industry stalled

PARIS (AP) — The French aircraft industry has stalled, and exports for the first eight months of this year are barely half those of the corresponding period in 1971, the newspaper "Le Monde" reported on Tuesday.

More aggressive U.S. competition in the arms export market, plus the fact that the French have nothing really new to offer were cited by the newspaper. Latin America and the Arab peninsula are two areas where U.S. arms salesmen are pushing the French out of lucrative sales, "Le Monde" said.

Airplane exports for the period January-August were worth \$37m. compared to \$806m. for the same period in 1971, it stated. "Le Monde" said its figures were based on statistics of the French Aerospace Industries Association, but a spokesman for the Association said it possessed no such figures. Nor could he divulge details of French aircraft sales. "The purchasing country usually reserves the right to announce an arms sale and we can say nothing," the spokesman said.

The Mirage fighter, which spearheaded the Israel's victory in the Six Day War, is still sought after, "Le Monde" said. The small Arab emirate of Abu Dhabi on the Persian Gulf recently purchased 16 Mirages. But the super-sonic Concorde passenger jet, the Mercure short-range airliner and the European Airbus, which French firms are helping to build, will not be commercially operative until the second half of the decade, "Le Monde" said.

The lack of new equipment suited for the late 'seventies and the 1980s is underscored by a report that the French Navy has picked a plane still on the drawing boards to equip its carriers. The Navy, according to press reports, passed over the U.S.-built Corsair II and Skyhawk fighters in favour of the Super-Étendard — a jet still in the design stage.

France and the U.S. earlier this year were in sharp competition for an aircraft sale to Switzerland. The pressures from both countries finally led the Swiss into abandoning purchase from either. "Le Monde" said the U.S. was now putting pressure on Pakistan to get it to reconsider an agreement with France under which it would have trained Arab pilots in the G-95 region to fly Mirages. Pakistan has some 30 Mirages in its air force.

SUMMARISED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORT

ALLIANCE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

A. SUMMARISED CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF HEAD OFFICE ABROAD

SUMMARISED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.12.1971

	1971		1970	
	Sterling	(£ 1000)	Sterling	(£ 1000)
Investments	52315	46685	19564	16581
Life Assurance and Amnity Accounts	101	233	101	233
Fixed Assets	7689	5282	39103	35023
Other Assets	51012	44427	25449	31224
	£ 111117	£ 96638	28900	23877
Capital, Funds and Surplus			19564	16581
Life Assurance and Amnity Accounts			101	233
General Insurance Fund			39103	35023
Outstanding Claims			25449	31224
Other Liabilities			28900	23877
	£ 111117	£ 96638	£ 111117	£ 96638

DETAILS ON CONSOLIDATED INSURANCE BUSINESS AND PROFITS FOR THE YEAR 1971

	1971		1970	
	Sterling	(£ 1000)	Sterling	(£ 1000)
Life Assurance Premium				£ 1
General Insurance Premium	£ 61840	£ 50874		
Profit in General Insurance	£ 2316	£ 538		
Investment Income after deduction of Expenses not debited to Revenue Accounts	£ 5395	£ 4376		
Business Profits (before Reserves)	£ 5743	£ 3265		

B. DETAILS OF ISRAELI BUSINESS

INSURANCE BUSINESS AND PROFITS FOR THE YEAR 1971

	1971		1970	
	Israel Pounds (IL 1000)	Israel Pounds (IL 1000)	Israel Pounds (IL 1000)	Israel Pounds (IL 1000)
General Insurance Premium and Reg. Fees	IL 230	IL 151		
Profit (Loss) in General Insurance	36	(6)		
Investment Income after deduction of Expenses not debited to Revenue Account	5	5		
Business Profit	IL 31	IL 1		

ISRAELI INVESTMENTS AS AT 31.12.1971

	1971		1970	
	IL 120	IL 85	IL 120	IL 85
1. Liabilities in Israel				
2. Recognised Investment in Israel	128	117		
3. Surplus of Investment in Israel	IL 75	IL 32		

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A CHANCE FOR PEACE?

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CHIEF RABBIS

AFTER two years of often rather unseemly struggle to get elections held for the Chief Rabbinate, Rabbis Goren and Ovadia Yosef were yesterday duly elected.

Despite his learning and the wide reputation he built up for himself as Chief Chaplain of the Army for many years, Rabbi Goren is feared by the more conservative and extremist trends in orthodoxy as an "innovator."

The result has been increasing hostility to the sole control of marriages and other matters of personal status by rabbinical courts, and therefore to religion itself and wide support to the proposal for a form of civil marriages lately put forward by I.L.P. Knesset Member Gideon Hausner.

Soon after the election results were known yesterday Rabbi Goren announced that he hoped to unite the nation "in love," and not further its divided state, and that he planned a grand council of chief rabbis from all over the world, though not a *sanhedrin* — evidence that he hopes to make the Rabbinate into an active force in Israel and Jewish life.

It is questionable whether it is still possible to hold up the growing split between religion

and national identity among a large proportion of Israelis, but to the extent that it has been hastened by an overly rigid Rabbinate, it might be slowed down again by a Rabbinate conscious of national responsibilities to all, including the unreligious.

It is perhaps fortunate that Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, the Tel Aviv Sephardi Chief Rabbi, won his half of the election, for he is not only extremely well liked and highly regarded by the entire Sephardi community, but also has a reputation as both a scholar and a very careful observer of the law, who yet worked harmoniously with Rabbi Goren in Tel Aviv. It was Rabbi Nissim, who had been Chief Rabbi for 17 years, who was the Sephardi candidate favoured by the official supporters of Rabbi Goren, and a team made up of the two candidates favoured by the coalition parties might have taken on the appearance of "official" rabbis — a title carefully avoided in rabbinical circles.

It is, in any case, a victory that the elections should finally have taken place despite the determined delaying tactics of extreme orthodox groups, and much of the credit for this goes to Mr. Mordechai Surkiss, who had charge of the complex procedure. It now remains to be seen whether the new Chief Rabbis can contribute to unity in the nation and to rebuilding respect and regard for rabbinical authority, or whether they will set us finally on the way to a division between State and religion. Very high hopes have been set on Rabbi Goren, but it is just possible that the Labour Party may find it is riding a tiger and that in the long period of rule that presumably lies ahead of him, Rabbi Goren may prove to have political, if not also religious views hard to reconcile with a Labour government.

Was ever a war pursued so implacably, so wearily? Was ever a peace dragged out so unendingly, with so many tantalizing will-they-won't-they moments?

We in America are at another such moment in a war without meaning or purpose that won't quite end, and a peace passionately sought that won't quite come off.

This time our tremendous hope is like that of a dove in a barren season who has found some wisps of green to nibble on. Is this wholly an illusion for us, some mirage that in the end offers nothing sustaining.

THE mounting tempo of American bombing and the continued Hanoi offensive against Saigon would seem to belie any renewed hope. Yet, in themselves, they don't. The negotiations are the kind in which even a minor bargaining advantage from the battlefield might count in the peace outcome. The slogan on both sides is the familiar Communist slogan, "Fight and talk, talk and fight."

Nixon has merely taken it over from the guerrilla tradition. It is part of the craziness of this grim zany war that, exactly when the guns are pounding hardest and the planes are dropping their most lethal installments of death, there may finally be a chance that wily and determined negotiators are talking seriously of how to end it.

Are they always the hollow men? They don't have to be. This seems to be the moment for a raking attack on Henry Kissinger from several quarters in the press, more virulent than I can recall in his career. I don't join in it. Kissinger is what he is, neither a political leader nor the conscience of his time, but a negotiator and an analyst of world politics. He is very ably what he is. If there is any chicanery in the quest for peace, the target should be not Kissinger but President Nixon.

But is there much chicanery in fact? Some theatrics there must be. If ever there was a wrong timing for the serious negotiation of peace, it is the weeks before a Presidential election, when Hanoi could feel it had the President strapped into a make-or-buy-or-lose-the-election straitjacket, and when any move toward negotiation — serious as well as theatrical — would be regarded as politically suspect. The current charges underscore this timing squeeze, which is a problem for the nation as well as a headache for the President.



A North Vietnamese girl treks across a paddy field, unaware of the mounting hope of peace in the "grim, zany war" in Vietnam. (Camera Press)

My own feeling, none the less, is that the present flare-up of negotiations is a serious one, not phoney, even though the theatrical element is bound to be part of it. I don't base this on Henry Kissinger's travels alone, or on Gen. Alexander Haig's trip to Saigon, for whatever the real purpose may have been. Nor do I base it on the striptease release of the three P.O.W.s, which must have been planned weeks earlier, and was clearly intended (although probably in vain) to stake the fires under President Nixon's hot seat.

The main focus must rather be on the travels and talks of Hanoi's diplomats, not just America's. It is easy enough for President Nixon to send Kissinger and Haig wherever he wishes. But he can't send Le Duc Tho to meet Kissinger, and command him to negotiate. When Hanoi's people spend several days talking to Kissinger and agree to another meeting, then it isn't contrived any more, but serious.

Hanoi keeps warning publicly against the conclusion that a settlement is near, and this may have a measure of truth as well as guile in it, to keep Nixon from getting a free peace publicity ride that could hurt McGovern. But Nixon was in fact a phony about the negotiations, and Kissinger his patsy, there would be nothing to keep Hanoi from breaking off the series of Kissinger talks and letting Nixon drown in his own duplicity.

The logic on each side is clear enough. For obvious reasons, Hanoi wants Nixon defeated and McGovern victorious. Meanwhile it wants the strongest possible pressures on Nixon, including the release of the P.O.W.s. It is also willing, however, to expore how far Nixon will go to get a negotiated peace. Hence, the continued Hanoi presence at the secret Paris talks.

IF McGovern wins, and if America withdraws totally from Vietnam "five minutes after the inauguration," as McGovern has himself put it, Hanoi will have no problems about the kind of regime it will install in Saigon. If Nixon wins, Hanoi's problems will be harder. But aside from the moral outrage at home about more years of bombing, I doubt whether even a victorious Nixon would allow his whole second term to be darkened by an impossible war, which would block his passion to cut a great figure in history.

As for agreeing on a formula for a new Saigon government, which is the bone in the throat of the negotiations, Nixon wants a formula that will save face for him, and give the non-Communists at least a fighting chance not to be swamped by the Communists. He will probably settle for some coalition regime without Thieu, but it will have to be a formula and regime that doesn't spell out too blatantly the American failure to prevail.

It is a sticky, messy problem, but not beyond the solution which it cries out for. That is why the present trembling moment — or the next — is freighted with consequence.

Hoover for better homes

KEEPING POSTED

A CORRESPONDENT writes: "I retute what is often said, that there was no habit or tradition of anti-Semitism in the Moslems before Zionism and Israel. He dug the following from a book, an American author, describing walking tour around the globe the years 1904-5. (A Voyage Journey around the World, Harry A. Frankel.)



On the writer's way from Beirut to Jerusalem, night finds him in Tyre, in what is now the Lebanon and unable to find an inn. He goes to a coffeehouse, and the man

of a stranger causes the least citizens to assemble to surround him. An Arab who spoke Syriac translated into Arabic for the benefit of the assemblage. The man continues: "The city fathers of Tyre, solemnly assembled, decided unanimously that I could be permitted to continue on my way. Some days before, midway between Tyre and Acre, a white man I best feared, surrounded by some 100 instrument and hailed by the mob by a stake driven through his body. Midnight had long passed. I promised the good citizens of Tyre to remain in their place for a day of reflection, and in return for a place to sleep. Not a man among them, evidently, had thought of that problem. The assembly resolved itself into a committee the whole and spent a good hour in weighty debate. Then the interpreter rose to communicate the result of the deliberation. There was no public inn in the city of Tyre — they thanked God for that. But its inhabitants had ever ready to treat royalty: a stranger within their gates, a keeper of the safe had a bedroom. In that back room was a wooden bench. The keeper moved to give me permission to occupy that back room and the bench. Nay! Even more! He resolved to spread on that bed a rush mat and cover me over with what had once been the sail of a fishing-smack. But first he asked me one question. Aye! The citizens of Tyre, there assembled, demand an answer to that question, and the spokesman abjured me, the head of Allah, to answer fully and deliberately.

The village elders hitched their stools nearer, the squatters strait their necks to listen. The man learning gasped twice, nay, thrice and broke the utter silence with tense whisper: "Are you, sir, Jew?" I denied the allegation. "Cause," went on the speaker, "are haters of the Jews and no could stop in this safe over night though the clouds rained down by dews and water-jugs on our city Tyre."

WE have heard all kinds of reasons why the number of Knesset members should not be increased from 120 to 150, and let us turn the subject over also to beginning pile up. Nobody has yet written say they think it is a good idea even that they sympathize with troubles of the party official have to make up the lists and we like to have a few more as places to juggle with. Most people seem to think it is a waste money to have more Knesset members. One critic declares that members stay away from the sessions in any case, so that even if the number were increased, the result would be the same. And if that many stay away now, what is the use of increasing the numbers? There will then be even more of them staying away.

WE have before us one of the Israel pages of the ABC guide for 1972. Atarot Airport is quoted as the one nearest to Jerusalem and it is near enough — 10 miles or 9 kms, according to the guide, though not particularly useful if you are coming from Haifa. Tel Aviv has Lod, quite proper but Metulim has only Tel Aviv airport, and of course you can fly far as Roah Pina if you are going

Assuming that Mr. Hexter's time was synchronized as ours is, with Israel Broadcasting time, there remains only one possibility — that the lever which operates the signals was put into operation by some outside factor, such as children playing with the levers, or a flock of sheep treading on them.

We are aware of the problem and have already received the funds necessary for better control of these signals; work is scheduled to begin soon.

M. GABRIELI, Public Relations Officer, Haifa, September 29.

in a small plane anyway. The hotel quoted for Metulim is Arab 30 rooms etc., running h and telephones, swimming pool and finally "Heavy Business Meeting Facilities with Lebanese."

That's something the five-star hotels don't have anyway.

ISRAEL PRESS

Spiritual leadership

Most papers commented on the Chief Rabbinate elections, held yesterday.

Davar (Histadrut) writes: "All candidates are admittedly extremely knowledgeable in the precepts of Mosaic Law, and each one of them is capable of providing spiritual leadership for Israel's orthodox community. The question is, however, who can provide spiritual inspiration for the Israeli public in general — a question which ought to occupy the orthodox no less, if not more, than the secular. Rabbis Nissim and Goren are more fitting to meet this challenge."

Ha'arets (non-party) writes: "The choice is in fact between the Nissim-Goren bloc, supported by the moderate elements in both the orthodox and the secular camps, and the Unterman-Yosef bloc, supported by the most extreme elements among Orthodox Jewry. This distinction creates a clear-cut choice between candidates who inspire hope for enhancing the image of a rabbinite which would be closer to the people, and candidates who would deepen beyond redress the gap of credibility and faith."

Hatzofe (National Religious), declaring that during its fifty years of existence the Chief Rabbinate had risen to moments of Jewish greatness, adds: "Society is now undergoing transformation processes and in a changing world there is a vital necessity for rabbis with scope and daring, who can delve into the roots of the complications of the present, as well as foresee the future."

She'arim (Poalei Agudat Yisrael), complaining bitterly about "the machinations of the politicians who meddle in the affairs of the Rabbinate," declares: "Any rabbi in Israel who dares — heaven forbid — to change the halakha will undoubtedly bring down upon himself the wrath of the Orthodox public, which would then view the Rabbinate as an institute appointed by the authorities, with absolutely no say."

FOREIGN PRESS

'TWO PENNY MOHAMMED'

The London "Sunday Telegraph," conservative, comments in its editorial on Libya's punishment of thieves: "Past attempts by Libya's twopenny Mohammed, President Gaddafi, to force his two million wretched subjects to live according to the Koran have provoked no more than mild amusement. But his latest decree, which restores the ancient Koranic punishment of amputating the right hand of thieves but brings in modern surgery with anaesthetics for the operation, is an obscenity which can only shock people of all creeds and races. Gaddafi has more than once appealed and dangled, who can delve into the roots of the complications of the present, as well as foresee the future."

RABBINICAL HACKS

Readers' letters

CRYING WOLF

THE TORAH IS PRISONER OF RELIGIOUS CIVIL SERVICE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: "Sir, — My family and I are converts, and converts in accordance with Halakha. Because of the kindness of the Rabbi who prepared us for conversion, the generosity, kindness and (in spite of some people's criticism) efficiency of the Jewish Agency which assisted us in our aliyah, and the universal and warm acceptance of my family by the Jewish people both in the United States and Israel, we allowed a certain amount of publicity. When it began to get out of hand, we called a halt to it. We felt that we wanted to live our lives quietly among our people, in our land. Alas, one cannot retire within one's castle when something quite worthwhile is being abused and trampled on.

Many times when we have been asked "why" by Jews of sincerity and good faith, we have attempted to share with our Jewish brethren this, the most wonderful thing in our lives. When we are asked by Jews of all backgrounds "but why orthodox, observant," we answer that to us the Torah, which my years of studying for the Christian ministry has given me some understanding of, forms in its totality a reasonable, rational realistic pattern of life.

However, when we are advised that some Jew or group of Jews, conservative, reform or secular, or even Orthodox are not religious because they do not, like a programmed computer, adopt blindly and mindlessly this or that Jewish sect's views in toto, or when we see Jews, dressed in the clothing of a 500-year-old decadent Polish nobility throwing rocks at people in the name of the Creator, when we see an aged rabbinite, who are the fruits of violating the rabbinical proscription against making the "Tora a spade to dig with," who are snarled, professionalized, programmed, ingrown hacks, we are distressed.

One of the books which helped us learn to live by Halakha was one called "The Jew and His Home" by Elishah Kitov. A young man of our acquaintance, the product of many years of yeshivot, complained that everything he was taught was by rote memory, case law decisions, and that his teachers refused to answer questions. He was amazed when we showed him this simple, yet scholarly work. And this, I think, illustrates the problem. The young man's education was so narrow, it wasn't really an education at all. Since knowledge is indivisible, since truth is the way things are, however discovered, is it necessary to educate religious leaders by shielding them from knowledge and inquiry? When our religious leaders are turned out of an assembly line process, designed to protect them

against thinking, no wonder the product is hackery. Yet religious Judaism, and Judaism within the outlines of the Tora as applied and lived through the living, inquiring, thinking process of an oral Tora, is valid and real; otherwise it would not have survived. And I must make one more comment. Those wise and holy men who worked against writing down the oral tradition and later warned against a professionalized, clericalized religious leadership, because they could see the end result were right. I do not think we need an ingrown, have been presumptuous, forgive us, term such as a paid and professionalized clerical body to think for us. If anything, the Chief Rabbinate and the other organized religious groups have driven more people away from religious Judaism than to it. Until an official, aged, defensive and wholly ignorant body of programmed "scholars" is placed in a position where they stand or fall on the basis of their genuine wisdom and wholeness of character, without a religious "civil service" which experience shows protects and fosters hackery and mediocrity, the Jews will continue to remain the "prisoner of mindlessness."

We love our people and if we have been presumptuous, forgive us. Love of one's family does not eliminate the occasional urge to bang their heads together. I must humbly say the source of the problem, I do believe, was setting up rabbis (Rabbi — a title given to a wise and holy man) as paid and organized professionals. The next step was "trade schools" which cranked them out, programmed and licensed to practice. The end result: few wise and holy men; the answer: "de-officialize" them. Eliminate a paid and authoritarian body, or make universal election by all Jews the criterion of selection for a national body. And the choice of a congregation, the manner of selection locally, with only enough pay to avoid exploitation. Let them follow the example of the greatest, like Malenkov, and work for a living. Then never again will our religious leaders become so divorced from the reality in which the Tora lives, that abstractions replace realities, magic replaces religious living, and the Tora becomes the prisoner of an ecclesiastical civil service, rather than a guide to life. And above all, let them obey the laws of their country like all of us should and must.

YOSEF BEN AVROM, Carmiel October 1.

(Yosef Ben Avrom, the former James Richards, was converted to Judaism a year ago, together with his wife and eight children, whose ages range from 5 to 15. Mr. Richards became interested in Judaism while studying for the Episcopal ministry under the guidance of a priest during almost five years, while working as a prison parole and probation officer in Santa Fe. The whole family immigrated to Israel in July to settle here. Ed. J.P.)

PETITION ON RANSOM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: "Sir, — I wish to make a small correction in an otherwise excellent report on the signing of the petition on ransom, which appeared in your issue of October 11. The women's organizations which cooperated in the drive agreed that no publicity be given to any single organization. I therefore regret that the information accompanying the photograph, which attributed the organization of the drive to the Esh-dasah Council, was misleading. The campaign was initiated and organized by the Council of Women's Organizations and 11 organizations participated, some of which do not belong to the Council. All cooperated fully and enthusiastically for the success of the drive.

TAMAR ESHTEL, President, Council of Women's Organizations in Israel, Jerusalem, October 12.

PENFRIENDS: C. V. THOMAS (64), of EL No. 4-89/45, Uthman Nagar, Bombay, India, would like to have Israeli pen-friends. His hobbies are reading, collecting stamps and studying the Bible.

PHILIP GILLOM comments: No legal system is perfect and no judge cannot err. Many of the cases involving terrorists are judged in military courts by persons including non-judges, so that assumption of inability to commit judicial error is invalid. In my review, I quoted an example of a curious Israeli judgment — sentencing a man to death so that other terrorists would not be tempted to take hostages to free him.

DUTCH CAPITAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: "Sir, — When I heard the news-caster saying on TV last night that 'The Hague was the capital of the Netherlands,' I finally decided to write to you. Why do people in Israel learn at school that the Hague is the Dutch capital? I know a boy whose parents are both from Holland and who was almost sent home from school when he told his teacher that Amsterdam was the capital of the Netherlands, which it is. The Hague is the seat of the government, and not the capital. I hope some teachers also read this letter!"

A. SHACHAR, Haifa, October 10.

Railway warning signals

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: "Sir, — One night last December, a car-train collision at the railroad crossing near Hulda tragically killed the Chief Rabbi of Rehovot and several members of his family. At the time, a spokesman for the Israel Railways disclaimed any responsibility and said that the warning signals at the crossing were in fact working properly. I have recently experienced how these "properly working" signals might easily lead to further calamities.

On August 3 at 7.25 p.m., I approached this same intersection and the warning lights were flashing. I stopped my car and waited in the near total darkness, and waited. Over five minutes elapsed and no train appeared. I had no choice but to have my wife go out and try to ascertain that the tracks were clear, and then rapidly drive over them. I do not know if or when a train did pass over the crossing that evening.

I think it should be obvious that such "properly working" signals are next to useless. Crying wolf for too long makes them hazards rather than safety devices. Activating the signals two minutes before a train's actual crossing should certainly be sufficient but not excessive.

CHARLES S. HEXTER, Rehovot, August 6.

The Israel Railways replies: "The matter has been taken up with our traffic and signal department, and the following was established:

On August 3, at 7.33 p.m., a goods train, coming from the South, passed at the crossing, while the warning lights were duly flashing.

The signals installed at this crossing work in such a way that the approaching train starts the flashing when it is at about 800 metres from the crossing. This takes about one minute to cover for passenger trains, and about two minutes for goods trains.

Assuming that Mr. Hexter's time was synchronized as ours is, with Israel Broadcasting time, there remains only one possibility — that the lever which operates the signals was put into operation by some outside factor, such as children playing with the levers, or a flock of sheep treading on them.

We are aware of the problem and have already received the funds necessary for better control of these signals; work is scheduled to begin soon.

M. GABRIELI, Public Relations Officer, Haifa, September 29.

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